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TAGS: OVIP (NYERERE, JULIUS), US, TZ, WA

SUBJECT: NYERERE VISIT AND NAMIBIA PROBLEM

REF: DAR ES SALAAM 2950

1. WE AGREE THAT US, FRG AND CANADA SHOULD COMMENT TO
NYERERE ON THE STATUS OF NAMIBIA NEGOTIATIONS WHEN HE
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VISITS THE VARIOUS CAPITALS.

2. FOR THAT PURPOSE, CONTACT GROUP IN NEW YORK SHOULD
COORDINATE GUIDELINES FOR USE IN EACH CAPITAL WHICH
WOULD SERVE TO:

- BRING NYERERE UP TO DATE ON STATUS OF CONTACT GROUP'S

EFFORTS, INCLUDING THE DEFINITION OF A UN ROLE.

- UNDERSCORE FOR HIM THE STRONG INTENT OF EACH GOVERNMENT TO PURSUE NEGOTIATIONS TO AN INTERNATIONALLY ACCEPTABLE CONCLUSION.

- STRESS THE IMPORTANCE OF SWAPO'S ADOPTING A POSITIVE AND CONSTRUCTIVE APPROACH TO NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE CONTACT GROUP. (WE DO NOT BELIEVE IT USEFUL AT THIS STAGE TO DWELL ON SWAPO'S INACCESSIBILITY OR DELINQUENCY

IN RESPONDING TO THE CONTACT GROUP'S INVITATION, ASSUMING OF COURSE THAT BY THE TIME NYERERE STARTS HIS TRAVELS SWAPO WILL IN FACT HAVE ACCEPTED THE INVITATION AND NAMED A DATE.)

- NOTE FURTHER THAT TIME IS A SIGNIFICANT FACTOR BECAUSE SOUTH AFRICA IS PRESSING TO MOVE AHEAD AND WILL JUSTIFY DOING SO IF IT IS ABLE TO POINT TO DELAY OR INTRANSIGENCE BY SWAPO.

- URGE THAT SHOULD HE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY WHILE IN THE UNITED STATES, HE USE HIS INFLUENCE WITH SWAPO TO ENCOURAGE A CONSTRUCTIVE APPROACH.

3. WE SUGGEST THAT FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION IN
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CAPITALS, IT WOULD BE BETTER FOR THE CONTACT GROUP TO DEVISE GENERAL GUIDELINES RATHER THAN PRECISE TALKING POINTS IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN SOME ELEMENT OF SPONTANEITY IN REMARKS TO NYERERE.

4. FOR DAR: WE VERY MUCH APPRECIATE YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS PARA 5 REFTEL AND WE WILL TAKE THEM INTO ACCOUNT IN PREPARING BRIEFING MATERIALS FOR THE NYERERE VISIT. GIVEN WALDHEIM'S WILLINGNESS NOW TO MAKE AHTISAARI AVAILABLE TO WORK WITH CONTACT GROUP (USUN 2330), WE NO LONGER BELIEVE IT NECESSARY TO PROD WALDHEIM. (WALDHEIM IN ANY EVENT WILL BE OUT OF NEW YORK FOR ALL BUT A FEW DAYS OF AUGUST.) PRIOR TO NYERERE DEPARTURE, IT MAY PROVE USEFUL FOR YOU TO COORDINATE WITH THE CONTACT GROUP IN BRINGING NYERERE UP TO DATE ON WHERE MATTERS STAND WITH RESPECT TO SWAPO'S ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE CONTACT GROUP'S INVITATION. WE HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH QUIET NUDGE BY YOU, UK, FRG AND CANADIAN COLLEAGUES, ALTHOUGH WE HOPE THEY WILL TAKE INTO ACCOUNT LATEST INFO FROM LUSAKA. IN ADDITION, IF BY YOUR JULY 28 APPOINTMENT WITH NYERERE SWAPO HAS NOT AGREED TO A DATE FOR TALKS IN NEW YORK, THEN WE MAY ASK YOU TO URGE

NYERERE PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE TO INTERCEDE WITH NUJOMA.

5. FOR LUSAKA: PLEASE KEEP DAR INFORMED OF ANY
INFORMATION YOU MIGHT HAVE ON SWAPO AND ITS INTENTIONS.

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